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Masaki Umayabashi

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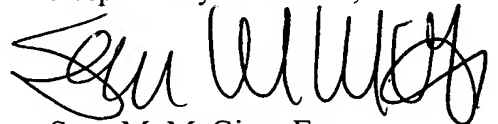
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SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENT

Sir:

Kindly record and return to the undersigned the attached Assignment from Masaki Umayabashi, Kazuo TAKAGI, Youichi HIDAKA, Nobuyuki ENOMOTO, Atsushi IWATA, and Makoto SHIBUTANI to NEC Corporation, for the above-identified patent application. The recording fee \$ 40.00 is included in the total fee for filing the Missing Parts for the above-identified application, a check for which accompanies this submission.

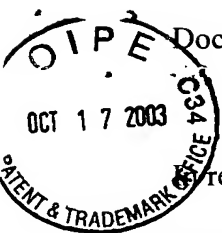
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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (copy attached), dated October 8, 2003, submitted herewith is the signed declaration for the above-identified patent application, along with our check in the amount of \$5,266 to cover the \$770 application fee, the \$130 surcharge for the late filing of the declaration, and \$40 for the assignment recordation fee and \$4,326 for additional claim fee.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's
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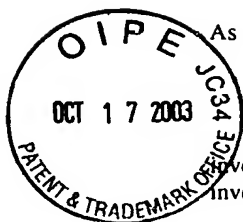
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:
(check one)

 (is attached hereto)
 X was filed on July 11, 2003,
as Application Serial No. 10/617,353
and was amended on . (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			priority claimed	
<u>2002-204673</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>12/July/2002</u>	<u>X</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
<u>2002-239465</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>20/August/2002</u>	<u>X</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
<u>2003-041179</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>19/February/2003</u>	<u>X</u>	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:


(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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Power of Attorney: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Sean M. McGinn, Reg. No. 34, 386, and Frederick W. Gibb, III, Reg. No. 37,629, as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC, 8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, Virginia 22182-3817. Telephone calls should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC at (703) 761-4100. Customer No. 21254

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
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